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SUBJ: CUBANS IN LEBANON?

1. POLICE COMMISSIONER NAJI ABOU KHALIL, A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SECURITY FAROUK ABILLAMA, TOLD EMBOFFS MAY 25 THAT HE HAD GOOD INFORMATION THAT THERE WERE NOW 100 CUBANS IN LEBANON. ABOU KHALIL SAID THIS WAS AN OUTGROWTH OF GEORGE HABASH'S RECENT VISIT TO HAVANA. THE CUBANS HAD ARRIVED BY A GREAT VARIETY OF ROUTES, INCLUDING BOTH BY SHIP THROUGH THE PORT OF TYRE AND OVERLAND FROM SYRIA. THEY HAD A VARIETY OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, BUT MOSTLY PASSPORTS FROM VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THEY WERE PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN TRAINING ACTIVITIES, DIRECTLY SUPPORTING HABASH'S POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE.

2. ABOU KHALIL SAID THAT WITHIN A FEW DAYS HE EXPECTED TO
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HAVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CUBANS.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT REGARD KHALIL'S REPORT AS DEFINITIVE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES. LANE

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